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AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action (Paper No. Non-Final Rejection) dated February 25, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Appendix A (3 pages) contains an alignment of the sequences of the invention with the cytochrome b5 and tripartite histidine motifs marked as indicated, following page 10 of this paper.

Please enter the following replacement paragraph in the specification-

Page 1, Line 3:

This application is a 371 of PCT/US99/28,589 filed December 2, 1999 which
claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/110,784 filed December 3, 1998.